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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Siri:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 43, 44, 76 and 77 as follows:

43. (Amended) A method of passivating a multiplayer conductive structure, comprising:

layering a first conductive material;
introducing a selection of N_2/H_2 , N_2 , and NH_3 plasma to said first conductive material;
releasing nitrogen from said plasma with electromagnetic energy;

and